Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center

Capital Campaign

Case Statement
The mission of the Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for at-risk students and families so they may pursue academic and personal excellence.
Our History

Edna Runner believed that the children living in Jupiter’s Limestone Creek community deserved an opportunity to live the American Dream. Over 30 years ago, a group of concerned citizens at a local church started an afterschool program with a clear vision, but faced a monumental task. How do we keep kids safe, provide school support and encourage them to lead productive lives?

The children needed extra help to excel in school in order to complete their education, build meaningful lives, and overcome the poverty of their present circumstances. Because of people like you, The West Jupiter Community Group, Inc. formed as a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization to support the needs of the program, and to assist and positively influence the children of Limestone Creek and West Jupiter. In 2011, following a building expansion funded by generous donors, which included classroom space and a new playground, the Center was named the Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center.

The Center is recognized as a Gold Seal Quality Care Program provider of afterschool care and is licensed by the State of Florida. We operate at our capacity of 107 students afterschool and on non-school days. Each summer we run a full-day camp program. Since opening our doors the center has served more than 3,000 children.

“Coming to the Center showed me things I wouldn’t have gotten to experience if I didn’t go here.”

Donald Williams, Former Student
Leadership

Edna Runner serves as Executive Director and has a unique ability to lead a program of love, kindness, mentoring, values, discipline – all tailored to the unique needs of each child and each child’s family situation. With Miss Edna’s leadership, teachers and volunteers provide the students with the attention and help they need, learning academics including the most up-to-date computer skills to good old-fashioned values. Much of what is instilled in our students is not part of today’s public school program and is often absent from the difficult family situations of many of our students.

Our Board of Directors comprises a diverse group of caring individuals, most with backgrounds in business or education. These individuals are important contributors to the Center and work with the Executive Director, professional staff, and more than 30 high school and community volunteers to offer a program of mentoring through love and values, while supporting the unique needs of each child and their family.
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A Connected Community

The Center provides more than education. It is a source of affordable care and peace of mind for working parents. With your many generous gifts, we also help parents and families as needed with food, clothing and supplies, and family support.

The Center provides a safe and nurturing environment for at-risk students. The majority of our children come from difficult economic and family situations – living in low-income and/or single-parent homes. Many receive little or no academic help at home. The Center helps these at-risk children in a wide variety of ways by assisting with school work, preparing for standardized tests, teaching values, instilling discipline, improving behavior, and encouraging teamwork. Your support prepares these children to be valuable members of our community.

Throughout the year, family-building activities and programs for senior citizens in the Jupiter community are held to educate and provide fellowship within the community.
“The Edna Runner Center is important to me because I am able to interact one on one with children and help them with homework, life lessons and be a good example to them. It gives me so much joy to see their improvement and to watch them grow and learn each year. And their hugs and smiles are priceless!”

Ellen Meyerson, Volunteer
10 Reasons The Tutorial Center Is Important To Your Community

1. Students who cannot read on grade level by 3rd grade are four times more likely to drop out of school.

2. Positive role models and mentors create pathways to successful futures.

3. Unsupervised youth are more likely to engage in negative behavior in the afterschool to early evening hours.

4. Over 90% of our students are from low income and/or single parent families, and 75% of the single parents have more than one job.

5. 70% of our students receive a state childcare subsidy through the Early Learning Coalition.
6. 78% of students in our elementary afterschool program improved their reading test scores in 2017.

7. 90% of the students now 19 or older who attended the Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center graduated from high school.

8. More than 30 community volunteers donated 4200 hours as tutors and mentors in the 2016-17 school year.

9. Area schools reported improved behavior in students attending Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center.

10. A safe and nurturing environment builds character and self-esteem.
Education Changes Everything

The Center cultivates the skills our children need to build bridges over their barriers by providing tutorial instruction and instilling a philosophy of personal determination. Activities focus on academic improvement including homework support, critical thinking skills, individual and group tutoring, and test preparation. Character-building is a valuable part of our approach as students grow confident and resilient through self-discipline, determination, and teamwork.

Parents, principals and teachers appreciate the extra structure and support the Center provides. Many children have reached greater school success as a result. We collaborate with local educators and receive their strong endorsement because our program makes a difference.

Students in our program show improvements in test results and grades, and many make significant strides in behavior, social skills, and personal achievement. The Center employs modern educational techniques and the most up-to-date computer technology. The recent addition of iReady software and Chrome Books allows students to work in a platform consistent with the School District of Palm Beach County and teachers are able to monitor individual student progress.

“Edna goes above and beyond in her Center’s duties and visits parents and students and provides resources and supplies to those in need.”

*Maria Lloyd, Principal, Limestone Creek El.*
While our goal is to see students improve their schoolwork, we also know children need exercise and fun activities to grow strong in body and mind. We reserve some time each day for sports and play - so kids can be kids. Guest speakers and extended learning opportunities enrich our students with positive experiences to learn and grow. We also provide a unique summer program with each day filled with both educational and fun field trips and activities.

"They help us with our homework and encourage us to do our best."

"We have fun with our mentor! "I love coming here. It is fun because they are amazing!"

"It is very helpful to me and my family to get my homework done so I don’t have to do it at home."

*From the students*
A Growing Need

The Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center makes a big difference in the lives of our students and their families but we are facing a problem. We are limited to a maximum of 107 students by state regulation. There are more children in our service area who need our help than are permitted in our current facilities and there is a waiting list of students!

We hold a solution.

Through the generosity of our donors, the Center purchased an adjacent 1.6 acres of property in April 2017. This new land will permit program expansion. The Center’s long-term plan is to double in size in order to serve over 200 at-risk children from families in need in the Jupiter and surrounding community.
With this expansion, the Center will also be able to accommodate a VPK – Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten – program for the first time in its 30-year history. Research into early childhood education has shown the importance of education for children who are 3-5 years old. The Center’s commitment to the family will be extended to its younger members.

On the other end of the spectrum, the senior programs will also be able to include more of the grandparents who are taking care of these children. In families where both parents work or where one (or both) parent(s) may not be part of the household any longer, support for the grandparents is crucial.

“**The staff really cares about the children’s well-being in all areas of their life.**”

“**The Center is a positive influence and has helpful role models.**”

From the parents

100% of the students surveyed say that the Center has been helpful to them!

School District iReady data shows significant improvement in English and Math in the Center’s students.

Students report that they “feel loved and cared about” and “encouraged to do their best”!
A Phased Plan of Expansion and Opportunity

To achieve this vision on behalf of local children and families, the Center has launched a capital campaign to raise $3.0 million to fund two phases of expansion costing $2.8 million and allowing flexibility for additional costs.

**Capital Campaign Budget**

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Phase 1 will make capital improvements to existing facilities such as:
- a new classroom
- bathroom and kitchen upgrades
- a dedicated music and performing arts room
- a space for the clothing exchange program
- new roofing, doors, windows and HVAC
- new office

Site work on the adjacent new property includes:
- clearing the land, drainage and utilities work,
- additional parking, and
- an expanded playground.

These improvements will add 20 new students and improve student and family services immediately. The target completion date for Phase 1 is August 2018. Phase 1, including the previous purchase of adjacent property by cash and mortgage, is approximately $1.0 million. Please see the illustration of the renovations/additions along with naming opportunities.

**Building A**

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EXISTING BLDG. 'A' - FRONT ELEVATION

SCALE: 3/12"=1'-0"
Phase 2 constructs a new building of approximately 6,000 square feet on the land previously purchased through the generosity of our donors, allowing us to more than double the number of students we serve!

Phase 2 facilities will include:
• 2 new K - 8 classrooms
• 2 new VPK classrooms
• Tutoring Room
• Teacher’s Lounge
• Kitchen
• 2 new offices
• Pre-K Play Area

Completion of Phase 2 is targeted for summer of 2020 and is projected to cost approximately $1.8 million. This includes:
• site work needed to fully utilize the new property
• addition of a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program
• more than doubling the number of students we serve in the K – 8 grades

### Building C

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* A Donor Wall with a tree of gold, silver, and bronze leaves for gifts of $5,000, $2,500, or $1,000
Every day that goes by a child in our community is waiting to build a better future. There simply aren’t enough resources in our public schools and at home for these children to overcome the challenges they face. By increasing our ability to serve, the Edna Runner Tutorial Center will provide more community children with tools to complete their education and enter young adulthood prepared to thrive and contribute.

“The Edna W Runner Tutorial Center is important to me and to Jupiter Light Lodge No. 340 F&AM because of all of the good work they do for the local community. We know that when we work with the Center our charity donations always go to important local causes. I personally think that Edna Runner is a saint for all of the good work she has done in her life.”

George Koester
We invite you to help make this vision a reality. The new Center, a safe and trusted place of learning for our underprivileged youth, is your Center. Your contribution can aid the project in many ways. We value your volunteer time, expertise, ideas and support.
Increasing the success of students and families with your help!

For more information on how you can support the Edna W. Runner Center, please contact Anna Poulin at 561-745-0950 or email Anna.Poulin@ewrunnerctr.org.